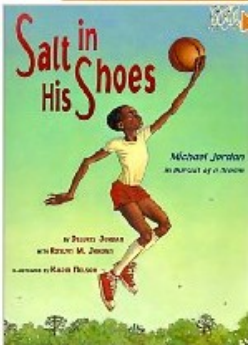


# Ways to choose a book

## Suggested 4th Grade Book List

Author		Title
Genre		Cover
Summary		



Books can be found at all reading levels. A book can be read to, with, or by a child. Children need to know how to determine which of these ways is the most appropriate for the chosen book.

The easiest way to choose a book the child can read by himself is to use the **five finger rule**. The child chooses any page from the book and reads it. For every word that he cannot read, the child puts up one finger. If by the end of that page the child has all five fingers up, the book is too difficult to read. It would be a better choice to have the book read to him/her, or with someone.



***Almost starring skinnybones.*** Park, Barbara. Irrepressible, twelve-year-old Alex is convinced that he will be a star and impress his school-mates when, as the winner of a cat food essay contest, he is asked to make a commercial for national television.

***Bunnacula : A Rabbit-tale of Mystery.*** Howe, Deborah. Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

***The courage of Sarah Noble.*** Dalglish, Alice. An eight-year-old girl find courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in Connecticut wilderness, and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.

***The great kapok tree.*** Cherry, Lynne. The many different animals that live in the great kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.

***Jake drake, know-it-all.*** Clements, Andrew. Jake strives to win the grand prize for his school's first science fair.

***The mitten—a Ukrainian folktale .*** Brett, Jan. Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes.

***Ox-cart man .*** Hall, Donald. Describes the day-to-day life through the changing seasons of an early 19th century New England Family.

***The pinballs .*** Byars, Betsy. Three lonely foster kids learn to care about themselves and about each other.

***Ramona's world .*** Cleary, Bevely. Ramona Quimby expects fourth grade to be the best year of her life; and although things do not go just as she had hoped, she still manages to have her share of adventures.

***The runaway princess.*** Coombs, Kate. Fifteen-year-old Princess Med uses magic and her wits to rescue a baby dragon and escape unwanted attentions of a princes hoping to gain her hand in marriage through a contest arranged by her father, the King.

***Sideways stories from wayside school.*** Sachar, Louis. Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which is accidentally built sideways with on classroom on each story.

***The skin I'm in.*** Flake, Sharon. Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because of her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.

***The toothpaste millionaire .*** Merrill, Jean. Kate MacKinstrey explains how her friend went from being a poor sixth-grader to an eighth-grade millionaire by making a cheaper, better toothpaste—with her help.

***The whipping boy.*** Fleischman, Sid. A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

If these specific titles cannot be found, any book read is fine.